

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF TOM BRADY

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Tom Brady.

As the Congressman for Foxborough, Massachusetts, I represent the home of the New England Patriots. For 20 of his 22 seasons in the National Football League, Mr. Brady was a Patriot. He brought pride and six Super Bowl victories to my district and to the fans of New England.

Mr. Brady embodies excellence. He is the greatest football player of all time, and his final MVP-worthy season is an indication that he was still getting better when he retired.

He won 35 playoff games throughout his career. That is more than double the second-place quarterback. Even down by 25 points with little more than 15 minutes on the clock in the biggest game, he never gave up on his team.

Indeed, teamwork was Tom Brady's top talent. He elevated others through his team-first ethic and his competitive drive. From the sixth round to seven Super Bowls, the GOAT was always focused on the team, not himself.

On behalf of two decades of Foxboro Faithful, I thank Tom Brady for the memories.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREW SPYROW

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a young man in my district.

On February 1, Andrew Spyrow of Bettendorf passed away after a nearly 4-year battle with brain cancer.

Andrew was a lifelong native of Bettendorf, graduating from Our Lady of Lourdes and Assumption High School, where he developed many lifelong friendships. He loved playing sports and running, participating in several marathons across the country.

I first met Andrew in 2014 when he volunteered and worked at the RNC victory office in Bettendorf.

Andrew was a devoted husband, son, and father. After his cancer diagnosis, Andrew built a beautiful family. He married his best friend and love of his life, Mary. They had two beautiful children, Audrey and Oliver.

No matter what was happening in his life, Andrew always put the needs of others first. Even when he was fighting cancer, he always made sure to ask how others were doing, never complaining about his diagnosis.

Andrew's family, friends, and his RNC friends are in our prayers during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MOTHER HATTIE WHITE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mother Hattie White, a longtime resident of Southwest Detroit, in Michigan 13 District Strong, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mother Hattie White was born on February 23, 1922, in Alabama and later moved to River Rouge, Michigan. She married the love of her life, Albert James White, in 1946. They were married for 52 years and raised their seven children in River Rouge and Southwest Detroit neighborhoods with love and instilling an ethic of responsibility and kindness toward others.

In 1967, Mother White and her husband started a community church, Love Joy Missionary Baptist Church, in River Rouge, which cemented her role as a matriarch of our community.

Mother White shines bright in the community and has brought so much joy to her family, friends, and neighbors.

Please join me in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

FENTANYL OVERDOSES SKYROCKETED IN 2021

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in 2021, U.S. drug overdoses due to fentanyl skyrocketed, and it is now reported to be the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45. The leading cause of death for Americans between 18 and 45 is imported fentanyl, mostly coming across our open southern border.

Instead of combating this epidemic by prosecuting drug traffickers or banning molecularly altered fentanyl substances, the Biden administration is making America's drug problem worse by actually putting crack pipes into the hands of users—crack pipes distributed by the U.S. Government into the hands of drug users. Yes.

This has been already modeled in San Francisco, so I guess we want to do the Californication of the rest of the country with these crazy ideas coming from the Biden administration. Boy, we have gone from just don't do it to, hey, just hand it all out.

It is unbelievable that this is a policy at a time of drug problems in this country skyrocketing, harm coming to people, and the Biden administration wants to hand out free crack pipes in the name, I guess, of racial equity. Unbelievable.

CRACK PIPE DISTRIBUTION BY BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I was just listening to Congressman LAMALFA from California, and I couldn't agree with him more.

Here we are, in the United States, where crime is skyrocketing. Fentanyl is crossing the border in record amounts and is the number one cause of death for ages 18 through 45.

Here, today, I see this headline. I just googled it and came up with this one from blackenterprise.com. The headline says: "Biden administration to fund the distribution of crack pipes and syringes to promote 'racial equity.'"

"On Monday, applications closed for the Biden administration's new \$30 million grant program to provide crack pipes and 'smoking kits' to promote 'racial equity.'"

Are you kidding me? Our crime is rising, and this is what the Biden administration thinks is the priority? It is nuts.

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NFL'S LACK OF RESPONSE TO RACISM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, many of our jurisdictional committees have oversight over the major league sports teams, from baseball to basketball to football.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I have been engaged with my committee in the oversight of the National Football League. In fact, I remember more than a decade ago we were the first committee to deal with brain concussions and the lack of response by the NFL to the players.

Today, I rise for the lack of response to racism and racial discrimination in the NFL. I take note of the lawsuit filed by Coach Brian Flores and would hope that the words, "it is without merit" will not stand.

I believe it is important, with the number of minority players versus the number of coaches to that in terms of statistics, that we address the seeming appearance of racial discrimination in the NFL. I think it is important to reassess the Rooney rule to give a criteria for how coaches are selected, so mistakes like the coach from Boston sending the wrong notice that "you have been hired" to someone else would not happen.

To Mr. Goodell and the owners, let's work together, let's get the teams to look like America.

CRISES FACING AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AUCHINCLOSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that